



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are submitted for entry into the present application along with the Request for Continued Prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 accompanying this paper. Accompanying this response is a One-Month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of May 24, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.